

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 19th July 2015

Special Callsign EI80OPC

Pat EI4HSB has been given the special event call sign EI80OPC (Echo, India, 80, Oscar, Papa, Charlie)

This call sign is to celebrate 80 years of the first residents moving into O'Neill Park Clones, Co Monaghan. Work started on the development in early 1933 and by 1935, 118 houses were built by Clones UDC, the largest estate ever built in the area.

EI80OPC will be on air until the end of August, but most active over the weekend of the 14, 15, 16 August.

South Dublin Radio Club EI2SDR

South Dublin Radio Club will be demonstrating Amateur Radio and the Dublin Maker event on Saturday 25th July at this day long family friendly event. Along with other maker groups this public event is free and is taking place in the grounds of Trinity College.

Dublin Maker takes the form of a "show and tell" experience where inventors/makers will have an opportunity to showcase their creations at individual booths in a carnival atmosphere. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning.

More information is available on the website. www.dublinmaker.ie/

Terry ZL4TAE will give a talk on Emergency Communications in New Zealand

He will explain about "AREC". AREC is an intrinsic part of SAR operations and contributes to many rescue operations, creating an interest in amateur radio and more new people joining the hobby.

The talk will take place on Tuesday 21st of July at 8pm. Location details at: www.southdublinradioclub.ie

Youngsters On The Air (YOTA) 2015

YOTA Team Ireland, consisting of Ger McNamara EI4GXB IRTS Youth Co-ordinator, James Canning SWL, Son of Brian EI8IU and Aaron O'Reilly SWL, Son of Stan EI7DGB are currently attending YOTA 2015 in Tuscany, Italy. The week of activities will include DX presentations, Youth Contesting, ARDF, ARISS, Antenna Building, Learning CW, Kit Building and lots more. The Irish team will be active on HF during the week using the callsign II5YOTA and look forward to working many EI's.

Ireland have participated at numerous YOTA camps in the past and The Youngsters On the Air website can be found at www.ham-yota.com

The YOTA camp is sponsored by IARU and team Ireland are very grateful to IRTS for sponsoring their flights to the event.

UK Schools contact European Space Station

The list of schools that will have the opportunity to contact British ESA astronaut Tim Peake using amateur radio whilst he is in orbit, in the European Space Station, has been revealed at the UK Space Conference. More details available from rsgb.org

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The July meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 27th of July at 8.00 p.m. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend. For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and our actives you can check our website www.searg.org and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

EI Amateur Radio Wedding

The wedding of Mark Condon EI6JK to Ingrid Chadwick EI1692 from Castlerea in Roscommon will take place next Saturday 25th July.

There will be many EI Op's in attendance including the IRTS Vice President Jim Holohan EI4HH and representatives from Shannon Basin Radio Club, East Cork Radio Club, South Dublin Radio Club and Dundalk ARS. There will be two guests from France, Xavier F5NTZ and John-Michelle F4DLM who were with Mark on the Juan Fernandez 3G0Z Dxpedition earlier this year. Another radio friend Thos EI2JD

will also be in attendance as the photographer.

We wish Mark & Ingrid best wishes for their future.

2m Nets

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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